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In Honor and Memory of Tom Berkey October 2, 1954 – January 31, 2008

This newsletter is dedicated in memory of Tom Berkey who was an active member of the Coconino County Sheriff's Mounted Unit and Search and Rescue Unit. He is remembered affectionately for his commitment and leadership to the unit. Memorial donations may be made to the Tom Berkey Memorial Fund at the International Cancer Advocacy Network in Phoenix or to the Second Chance Center for Animals in Flagstaff.



Mounted Unit Helps Ring in a Safe New Year



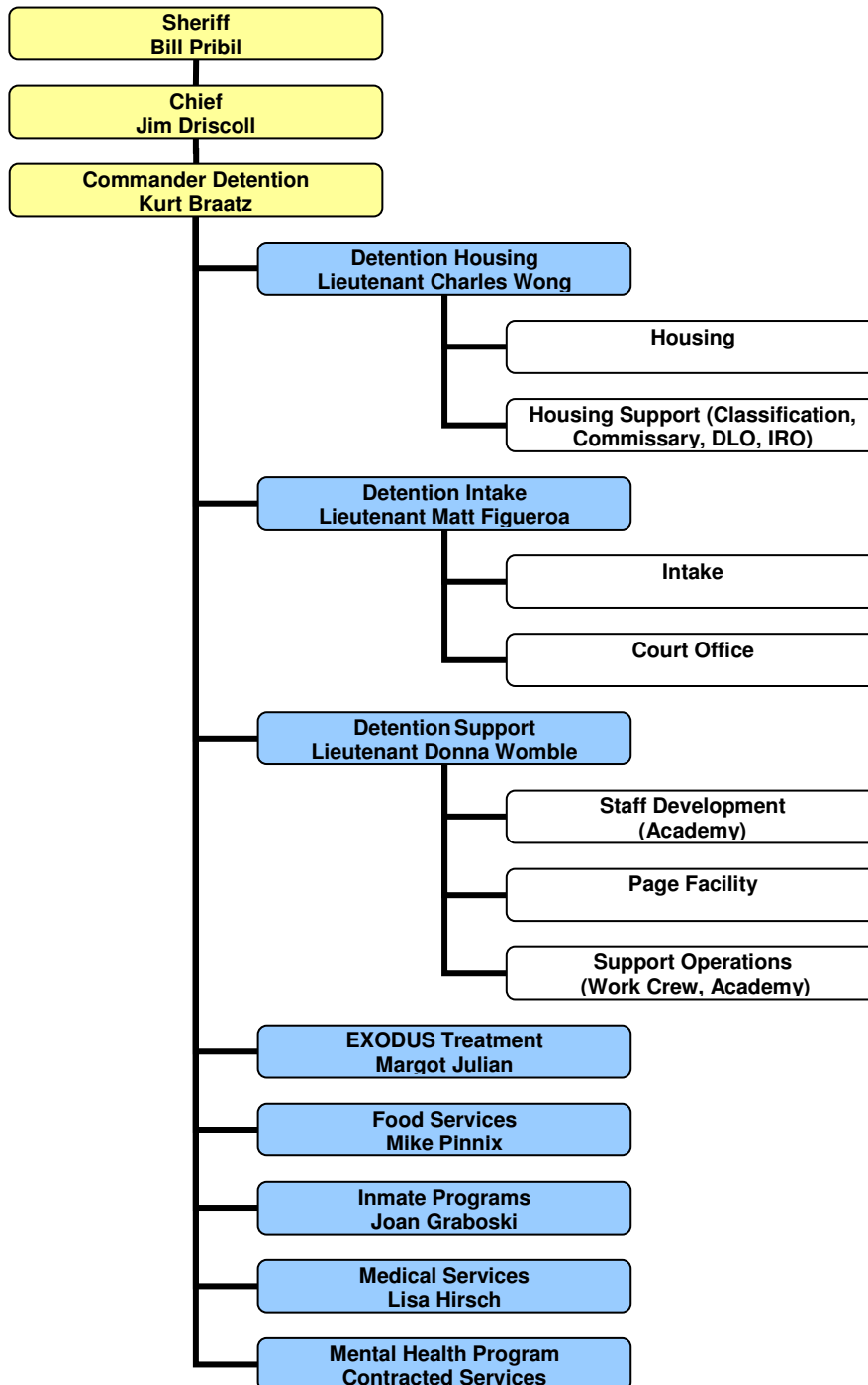
The Mounted Unit assisted with several special events to ensure a safe New Year for 2008.

On New Year's Eve, they assisted the Flagstaff Police Department by having Mounted Officers patrol downtown Flagstaff where an estimated 8,000 people enjoyed the New Year's festivities.

On January 2nd, they assisted Valley agencies in patrolling during the Fiesta Bowl. Four CCSO Mounted Officers worked with a team of 30 Mounted Units and many ground units to provide safety and security for the over 74,000 spectators at the event. They assisted with parking lot patrols as well as stadium patrols. They also assisted during the Super Bowl on February 3rd in the Valley.

Horses and riders of our Mounted Unit receive special training to work at events where there are many spectators. The horses are trained to work where there are loud noises and many distractions, where there are obstacles such as are found in urban settings, and to work in close proximity of pedestrians and large groups of people.

Detention Facility Gets an Organizational Facelift



After the passage of the Jail District Sales Tax increase in September 2006, the Coconino County Detention Facility was able to add several positions to its staff to meet operational needs. The positions included a third Detention Lieutenant, an Administrative Operations Manager, an In-custody Treatment Program (EXODUS) Coordinator, two support staff for the EXODUS Program, a part-time medical billing assistant, and several Detention Officers. This also gave the Detention Facility an opportunity to make changes in its organizational structure to meet increasing demands for service.

In November 2007, interviews were conducted for a third Lieutenant position. Matthew Figueroa who had previously served as the Administrative Sergeant for the Detention Facility was selected for the position. He currently is in charge of the Intake Unit where he and his team manage the booking of inmates and the transport of inmates to their court appointments. Lieutenant Charles Wong is currently in charge of the Housing Unit where he and his team manage the daily needs of the inmates and ensure that inmates are assigned to the correct housing unit. Lieutenant Donna Womble is currently in charge of the Support Operations Unit and Page Jail Facility. She and her team manage the operations of the Page Jail, staff development programs such as the Detention Academy and other trainings, grants and contracts for the jail, and inmate work crews.

Adding a third Lieutenant has allowed for better division of duties and responsibilities for Jail management and leadership.

Medical Unit – Providing Quality Healthcare for Inmates

By Lisa Hirsch

Greetings from the world of the Coconino County Jail Medical Unit, AKA the “Merry Medicine Maids.” As we look back over the year, the Medical Unit at the Coconino County Jail has grown tremendously (unfortunately this does not necessarily refer to the number of staff members). We have a new electronic medical records system, a few new faces and some new equipment.

CorEMR is the name of our new electronic medical records system. The program was designed specifically for correctional facilities and electronically stores intake screenings, medication administration records, chart notes, doctor’s orders, scanned documents, and more. After completing the tedious task of transferring all of our paper records into CorEMR, the system was implemented in March of 2007. The process was not as smooth as we had hoped, but eight months down the road, I believe that most of us can agree that CorEMR has greatly improved the quality of inmate care, continuity of care, follow-through, and has reduced liability significantly. As upgrades provide improvements to the software and we become more familiar with using the program, there’s been a huge decline in the number of frantic calls to our Information Technology (IT) Department asking for assistance. Thank you IT for all your help!

Dr. Paul Fader is our new medical provider. Dr. Fader graduated from Michigan State College in 1986 and has been practicing family medicine in Flagstaff for the last 15 years. He currently is working 12-15 hours a week and has been gracious enough to be available “on-call” whenever needed. When he is not working here or at Native Americans for Community Action (provides health and human services), he can be found mountain biking, hiking, running with his dog or playing ice hockey with his son (as evidenced by his lovely black eye a few weeks ago!). He has brought a wealth of experience with him and improved the quality of care given to the inmates.

When asked what he enjoys most about working at the jail, without giving it a moment’s thought, he said “the staff.” If he can put up with the crazy bunch of nurses and staff, I’d say he can deal with just about any inmate that is brought into the exam room. Thanks to all the officers helping out with “Doctor Call;” we appreciate you immensely!

Dr. Fader also has brought some new equipment to our facility. We can now perform EKG’s, hematocrit and hemoglobin lab tests, remove casts with a tool that looks like it came out of some sci-fi movie, and other gadgets that not only saves money, but precious time as well.

In August 2007, we obtained a new contract for the mental health component of our medical unit. Correctional Healthcare Management (CHM) is one of the leading correctional managed-care firms in the United States. They have hired Lezlie Duckett to work as a psychiatric nurse practitioner for our facility. Lezlie Duckett is a board certified psychiatric nurse practitioner practicing at Winslow Indian Health Care Center and at the Coconino County Detention Facility. She has been working with Native American adults and children for almost three years. Ms. Duckett received her Bachelor of Arts from Pomona College in psychology. She has worked in the field of mental health as a crisis counselor, case manager, and group home supervisor for over five years. In 2002, Ms. Duckett returned to school to obtain her nursing degree and Masters of Nursing in the field of psychiatry at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Her hobbies include reading, going to movies, cooking and scrap booking. Ms Duckett works closely with Detention Officer Summer Wolfe in addressing mental health care needs of our inmates.

All in all, I think we can say we are optimistic with the direction of the Medical Unit and look forward to what the future may hold!

Sheriff's Office Promotions – Providing Opportunities for Employee Growth and Development

Congratulations to Scott George who was promoted from Technical Specialist to System Specialist in January 2008. Scott has been an integral part of our Information Technology Team at the Sheriff's Office since July 2002. He has a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and is a Certified Network Engineer and Certified Cisco Network Associate. Scott has worked on many projects involving databases and networks for Computer Aided Dispatch, the Jail Management System, the Records Management System,

and Firehouse. He is part of the vital Sheriff's Office team that supports network and programming needs of many Northern Arizona Public Safety Agencies, including the Flagstaff Police Department, Northern Arizona University Police Department, Williams Police Department, and the Flagstaff Fire Department. We are pleased to have Scott continue his career with the Sheriff's Office and thank him for his excellent service to community.

Imagine the Possibilities – Fundraisers to Support Special Olympics

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office is an active participant in the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run. This group of law enforcement agencies across the world is committed to raising funds for and awareness of Special Olympics.

Each year Arizona law enforcement agencies carry the Flame of Hope across the state to bring the Torch to the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics Games. In addition to carrying the torch, agencies dedicate efforts to raising funds to support athletes. All of

the funds raised by the Coconino County Sheriff's Office go toward supporting Northern Arizona Special Olympics athletes. Over the past year, we have held several fundraisers including a fishing tournament, golfing tournament, special dinners, sales of value cards, sales of a holiday cookbook, and many other events. Community partners have been key in making all of these events successful.



Our unique partnership with Special Olympics is a true picture of our dedication and service to our community. The fundraising team is continually developing new and fresh ideas for raising funds.

Our commitment to Special Olympics is more than just the money aspect. By allowing these athletes the opportunity to compete in games locally and nationally, we help them succeed in life's journey.

For more information about the Arizona program, visit

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Cross Commissioning of Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers



In December 2007, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office cross commissioned eight United States Forest Service law enforcement officers. The authority to do this is based on Arizona law which allows a Sheriff to commission federal officers to enforce state law. These officers already have received significant training in enforcing federal laws. The Sheriff's Office developed training for these officers on the various aspects of processing state crimes.

The Forest Service and Sheriff's Office have always worked together closely for public safety through mutual aid and cooperative agreements. The cross commissioning will allow even closer coordination between the two agencies. Under the cross commissioning agreement, federal officers responding to state crimes or calls for service will take a Sheriff's Office report that will be kept in the Sheriff's Office data system.

Previously, Forest Service officers could respond to calls within the county, but in most cases only had the authority to stabilize the situation, and then wait for responding deputies. The eight federal officers now have the legal authority and the tools to handle most calls for service, including making state level arrests, taking reports for crimes, and conducting traffic accident investigations. If a federal officer is closer to a call and can handle the situation, especially in remote or forested areas, this can reduce the response time that it may otherwise take if a Sheriff's deputy were to respond. For major events or crimes, a Sheriff's deputy or detectives still will respond to the scene, but appropriate enforcement actions can be initiated by the forest service officer.

The Sheriff's Office decided to cross commission these federal officers because it provides for enhanced law enforcement services to the citizens of Coconino County.